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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An airbag cover for covering a vehicle's airbag comprising:
a groove comprising including holes extending discontinuously within a [[the]] range of a [[the]] thickness of the airbag cover; and
a portion reduced in thickness which is thinned in a [[the]] direction of the thickness at an end area of the groove, and which extends from the end area of the groove in a [[the]] direction along an extension of the groove, and is formed with an extended portion in which a [[the]] depth of thinning in the direction of the thickness varies gradually;
wherein the airbag cover is adapted to be torn along the groove when the vehicle's airbag is inflated and deployed;
wherein the depth of thinning of the extended portion is reduced gradually as the extended portion extends away from the end of the groove along an extension of the groove.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the extended portion comprises a bevel in the direction of thickness.
4. (Original) The airbag cover of Claim 1, wherein the portion reduced in thickness comprises a second extended portion extended from the extended portion in the direction orthogonal to the direction along the extension of the groove, and the depth of thinning of the second extended portion in the direction of the thickness varies gradually along the direction of extension.
5. (Currently Amended) The airbag cover of Claim 4, wherein a [[the]] width of the portion reduced in thickness in plan view reduces as it gets closer to the second extended portion from the extended portion.
6. (Original) The airbag cover of Claim 4, wherein the depth of thinning of the second extended portion reduces gradually as it gets away from the extended portion.

7. (Original) The airbag cover of Claim 6, wherein the gradual reduction is stepwise.
8. (Currently Amended) The airbag cover of Claim 4 [[1]], further comprising a thickened portion, in which the thickness of the airbag cover is expanded, located adjacent an end of the extension of the extended portion or the second extended portion.
9. (Currently Amended) The airbag cover of Claim 1, further comprising a hinged portion for allowing [[the]] deployment action of the airbag cover when being torn along the groove.
10. (Original) The airbag cover of Claim 9 further comprising joint ribs substantially parallel to the hinged portion.
11. (Currently Amended) An airbag cover comprising:
a lateral groove comprising holes extending discontinuously;
a first recess extending from an [[the]] end of the lateral groove and a second recess extending from an [[the]] end of the first recess in a direction substantially orthogonal to the first recess, wherein each recess includes first and second ends;
wherein ~~a the first recess includes a first portion including holes extending discontinuously and a second portion in which the depth of the first recess reduces gradually as the recess extends away from the lateral groove.~~
12. (Original) The airbag cover of claim 11, wherein the second portion extends from the end area of the first portion in the direction along an extension of the first recess.
13. (Original) The airbag cover of claim 11, wherein the second portion includes a beveled surface.
14. (Original) The airbag cover of Claim 11, wherein the gradual reduction in depth of the first recess occurs in a stepwise manner.
15. (Original) The airbag cover of claim 11, wherein the depth of the second recess is gradually reduced in a direction away from the first recess.
16. (Original) The airbag cover of claim 11, further comprising a thickened portion located adjacent the end of the second recess.

17. (Original) The airbag cover of Claim 11, further comprising a hinged portion for allowing the deployment action of the airbag cover when being torn along the groove.
18. (Original) The airbag cover of claim 17, wherein the second recess extends in the direction of the hinged portion.
19. (Original) An airbag module for a vehicle comprising
 - an airbag;
 - an airbag cover;
 - a gas generator;
 - a groove formed linearly on the airbag cover by forming holes having a depth within the range of thickness thereof so as to extend discontinuously, and wherein the groove includes a portion that extends wherein the depth of the groove is gradually reduced as the groove extends towards the edge of the airbag.
20. (Currently Amended) The airbag cover of claim 19, further comprising a second groove extending generally orthogonal to the direction of the first groove, wherein the depth of the second groove gradually reduces as the second groove extends away from the first groove.[[.]]
21. (New) An airbag cover, comprising:
 - a groove including holes that extend in a discontinuous manner, and
 - a recess extending from an end of the groove, wherein the recess varies in depth along a direction of an extension of the groove,
 - wherein the airbag cover is configured to be torn along the groove when an airbag for a vehicle is inflated and deployed.
22. (New) The airbag cover of claim 21, wherein the depth of the recess gradually reduces along the direction extending in the direction of the groove.
23. (New) The airbag cover of claim 21, further comprising a second recess that varies in depth along a direction that extends laterally to the groove.

24. (New) The airbag cover of claim 23, wherein the depth of the second recess gradually reduces along the direction extending in the direction of the groove.